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**IN THIS "FREE COUNTRY."**  
A dispatch from Tallapoosa, Ga., dated July 30, says that while Mrs. Kate Richard O'Hare, who spoke at the Socialist picnic at Morley last year, was delivering a denunciatory lecture against the employment of children in the cotton mills to a large crowd, the fire department was called out and the hose turned on her and the crowd, thus breaking up the meeting. Now, don't blame the plutes. It is the only way they can meet the Socialist in debate.

**SALE CALLED OFF.**  
Since the first page was printed on which appears a notice of Chas. Burger's sale, a letter is received from Mr. Burger announcing that the sale will not take place. It seems that the deal to sell his farm fell through, and therefore he will have no sale on August 7.

**LET'S GET BUSY.**  
The hustlers have had a rest since May. It is now August, the crops are about made and there is a little cash among the people. We must again get to work to boost the circulation of the Kicker. The more Kickers you place in the homes of the workers, the greater will be the Socialist vote in Scott county this fall.

I want you all to get busy. You can increase the circulation a few hundred by fall if you try. And to get you to try I am going to offer you a little bait as follows: Send in two new yearly subscriptions during the month and you get either the Appeal, the Kicker or the National, Rep-Saw for one year. That's something.

The Coming Nation is the best edited weekly magazine in the nation. Its principal contributors are Charles Edward Russell and A. M. Simon. Its cartoonist is Ryan Walker. Send in six new yearly subscriptions during August and you get it for a year.

In addition to this, the hustler who sends in the greater number of yearly subs during August gets either the Chicago or Milwaukee daily for six months.

Two half yearlies will be counted as one yearly. Two yearly renewals will be counted as one yearly. Now cut loose and see what will happen. Your doings will be reported each week. Subs received on Wednesday will not be reported until the week following. Whoop or up!

**BUSINESS LOCALS.**  
For Sale—A 4-year-old harness horse, good for general work. Also a 5-year-old harness mare with colt. Both are gentle and will work anywhere. Arthur Schwartz, Commerce, Mo. 35-4t.

For Sale—A 40-acre farm on a quarter mile north of Commerce. A cleared, good box house and out-buildings, some fruit and plenty of water. Price, \$1,250. Geo. W. Arnold, Commerce, Mo.

For Sale—150 bush good pea hay. Price reasonable.  
82t. Dr. S. J. Wade, Benton, Mo.

Peaches—I will have a carload of Elberta peaches here about August 1st. I want to book orders in advance. Order by mail or by phone. Residence, No. 61, store, No. 54. Will treat you right. J. H. Finney, Osage, Mo. 26-4t.

**THE LITERATURE FUND.**  
If you want to cover this country with Socialist literature you had better get busy. Whenever the Socialists have won, the greatest credit is given to the systematic distribution of literature. Someone in every community rather than funds and send in the first of each month. You will find plenty of people ready and willing to contribute. Get busy.

**FANCY ALFALFA SEED.**  
I have a car load of the very best Alfalfa seed for sale at an unusual low price. No such low price ever made here on Fancy Grade Seed. This price is good only up to August 15th. After August 15th the price will be advanced with the market. You should put in your order at once for your needs for this fall and coming spring. Price for up to August 15th only \$15 per hundred pounds or 89 per bushel. Write for sample or call at my store and see the seed. A. E. Harris, Proprietor, Lone Star Grocery, Charleston, Mo.

**NOTICE TO TEACHERS.**  
The County Examination for teachers will be held in the school house in Benton, Mo., Friday and Saturday, August 2 and 3, 1912. Teachers, truly,  
CHARLES HARRIS,  
County Superintendent.

**OLD BEYOND HIS YEARS.**  
"What's the little boy crying about?"  
"Dat other kid swiped his candy."  
"But you've got the candy?"  
"Yes; I'm de little kids lawyer."  
—Puck.

There are two kinds of capitalists. Both vote the same Democratic ticket. Both talk long and loud about "our country." One rides in an automobile and wears diamonds in his shirt front the other in the bosom of his dirty overalls.

**HERE AND YONDER.**  
Capitalist public officials want to keep all the "socialism" for themselves. They like to work for the public, but don't want it to extend the "snap" to include the masses. They work when they please and take a vacation when they please. They increase their own pay and lengthen the terms of office. They take from, say, \$10 a day for a county official to \$165 a day for a president—and "trimmings" while the work mules who vote for this are waxy to have rags and coarse food for themselves and families. But these work mules will have it on the plutes in the sweet bye-and-bye. All they have to do is to be "good" and contented and they will get a big golden crown and twang a big golden harp—WHEN THEY ARE DEAD! Plenty of gold—THEN. The Socialists insist on wanting some of the good things—NOW! But that is again capitalist religion.

If you are young, strong, active and free from disease there is no excuse for being out of a job. In any city you can see big signs hanging out: "Men wanted for the Army." You can see the posters in your post-office. The government capitalism wants the sound and healthy young men. The rest can remain at home to produce a diseased and degenerate generation of men and women. In hogs, horses and cattle we breed only of the best. But of humanity we select our best for slaughter. Capitalism is such a lovely system. It is so humane. Don't disturb it.

Socialists have no interest in the primary next week, except in the selection of a county committee. Each township is entitled to one committeeman, and a blank space will be found on the ballot to write his name. The last county meeting at Morley recommended men to be voted for in each of the townships, and their names appear on the first page. The elected committeemen must meet in Benton, Tuesday, August 13, to organize by electing a chairman, secretary and treasurer.

According to Gov. Hadley, the bank statements last year showed deposits of over \$450,000,000 in Missouri, while the total assessment of ALL personal property—which includes stocks, bonds, horses, mules, farm machinery, etc.—was less than one-fourth that amount. Yet the argument used against the single tax is that the men of money, stocks and bonds will escape taxation.

A dispatch from Jefferson City tells us that the various candidates for governor alone have expended \$200,000 in an effort to be nominated. After the primary the successful candidate, or his backers, will have to spend another \$100,000. And the job pays but \$5,000 a year! Is it possible for an honest man to get into office under such conditions?

Weeks, weeks, is about all the railroad news we get these days. It cuts down dividends to keep the railroads in repair. Coming from Charleston Friday I was delayed five hours because rotten ties had caused a freight wreck. A truck had to be built around the wreck. Railroads are run neither for the safety nor convenience of the public, but for dividends.

See that nice gentleman with a blue shirt, a stand-up collar and a Panama hat? He is well fed and well housed. He uses his head. How about you, Mr. Worker? Oh, you use only your muscles. You are too busy to think for yourself, eh? You let that well-dressed and well-fed gentleman attend to that. And he sure does.

It is difficult to decide which is the greater bunco man—Bryan or Teddy. At the Baltimore convention Bryan refused to support Mr. Clark because, he said, Clark was tied up with Wall Street. The last issue of the Commoner quotes Mr. Bryan as saying that he wants to see Clark returned to congress.

W. W. McAllister, the Socialist speaker, is shelling the woods of New Madrid county. Everywhere the Socialists are up and doing—except in Scott county. Workers in Scott county are so scared to letting the boss ride on their backs they seem to enjoy it.

In considering the single tax you should keep in mind its fundamental principle, viz: To place the burden of taxation on the gifts of nature that, of right, belong to all alike, and relieve industry—labor. The state should not punish a man just because he works.

Until the single tax question is settled, you are at liberty to speak of the money-lender as a "barbaric" with his approval—provided you use it in a sense that will make against the single tax.

The wise men have nothing to do but look wise and tell the work people what is good for them—and the suckers usually swallow the nice, sugar-coated dope. But some are beginning to gag a little at it.

J. C. Wilson, a former resident of the Cary neighborhood but now of Piggott, Ark., was here Tuesday. He bought 60 acres of land there and seems pleased with the outlook.

Arthur Schwartz, who will teach the Macedonian school, and Fred Abbott, who will teach the Oberlin school, both of Commerce township, were here Monday.

**FROM ILLMO.**  
Louis Albrecht and Miss Edna Roth were united in marriage at the Lutheran church last Sunday at 4 P. M. Miss Marie Albrecht was maid of honor, and the Misses Martha and Rosa Roth, and Emilie Albrecht were the bridesmaids. The attendants of the groom were Martin Roth, Chas. McPherson, August Roth, and Paul Elfert. The bride wore a beautiful gown of white embroidered voile, over white silk, and carried a large bouquet of white hydrangeas. Her veil was fastened with a wreath of orange blossoms. The bridesmaids were all attired in white, and wore pink and white roses in their hair. The wedding party came to church in two automobiles which were decorated in white ribbon. After the ceremony a sumptuous dinner was served to 150 guests. The young people will live on the Albrecht farm.

Mrs. Emma Brands and little daughter, Helen, and Miss Alma Bruns of Crete, Ill. is visiting the family of John Roth this week.

Miss Alesia Albrecht came home from St. Louis last week to attend the wedding of her brother, and visit home folks for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Slemers of Jackson came down to attend Louis Albrecht's wedding.

Miss Bora Koch of the Cape is visiting relatives here this week. Miss Martha Roth is spending a week with home folks.

**FROM FORN FELD.**  
Jack Smith is building a \$5,000 bungalow and Wm. McMullin's residence is nearly completed. There is lots of building going on here, but the contractors claim they are short of carpenters which causes a little delay.

Miss Annie Schriefer was taken to St. Louis Sunday for treatment. Her sister, Miss Dannie and Dr. Cannon accompanied her.

Miss Edna Miller of Cape Girardeau is the guest of Mrs. J. J. Estes this week and Miss Mattie Hirsch of Pine Bluff, Ark., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Grammer.

Robt. Mason has returned from Kansas where he worked through the harvest. He reports a pretty good crop.

Rudolph Hilleman and wife left Thursday for Bismark, Mo., from which place they will return to St. Louis.

Jess Logel, Robt. Hilleman and Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Hilleman, autoed to the Cape one day last week.

Mrs. Matilda Schoen, of New Hamburg, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. Baudendistel last week.

Father Moenig, of New Hamburg, stopped here a few minutes while en route to Murphysboro, Ill.

Ben Speaks left for St. Joseph to spend a 15 days vacation and a certain young lady is homesone.

Martin Uelman of Cape Girardeau was down Sunday to visit home folks.

Alfred Stone, of St. Louis, came down in his automobile to spend a week among relatives and friends.

Jackie McDougal has accepted a position with the Frisco Ry. Co. at Chaffee, Mo. as bell boy.

**FROM NEW HAMBURG.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Glueck of Randles were here the fore part of the week. Joe has bought a home near Kelso—the place known as the Louis Felden place. Consideration, \$2,000. They want to get to their new home next week.

Why is it that any effort to advance or better the interests of the working class is always cried down by the minions of the ruling class as immoral and agin religion? Whose religion? What kind of religion?

Mrs. Diessm and children from St. Louis are visiting the family of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Essner near Benton. She and Mrs. Essner are cousins.

Pete Goethe and family and August Glauz and family Sunday with the family of Louis Goetz.

Mrs. Willie Leibke of Kelso, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Goetz, one day last week.

August Heiserer, of Kelso, was here Sunday. He is a regular visitor in the north end of town.

Mrs. Charley Halter spent a few days last week with her brother, Leo Schlitt at Randles.

Mrs. Martin Bischer spent Sunday afternoon with her daughter, Mrs. George Glauz.

Willie Goetz spent Saturday and Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Willie Leibke of Kelso.

Mrs. Adam Dirmberger's sister, from East St. Louis is here visiting.

John Kihlhoefer was at Randles Sunday on some important business.

Miss Stella Stallings of Charleston spent a few days with Miss Olie Diebold.

Joe Hahn and son Edw. went to St. Louis Saturday by boat with some spring lambs.

Lawrence Scherer and Miss Clementine Ressel of Kelso were here Sunday.

Wm. Essner and family of Chaffee visited home folks at Benton Sunday.

There was a dance at Mrs. Rosina Schoen's Thursday night.

Emil Ledure of Kelso spent Sunday with Dennis Graesser.

Rumor has it that several weddings will be on docket soon.

Grandma and Miss Bertha Halter were at Oran Saturday.

## NATIONAL SOCIALIST PLATFORM

The Socialist party of the United States declares that the capitalist system has outgrown its historical function and has become utterly incapable of meeting the problems confronting society. We denounce this outgrown system as incompetent and corrupt, and the source of unspeakable misery and suffering to the whole working class.

Under this system the industrial equipment of the nation has passed into the absolute control of a plutocracy which exacts an annual tribute of millions of dollars from the producers. Unafraid of any organized resistance, it stretches out its greedy hands over the still undeveloped resources of the nation—the land, the mines, the forests and the water powers of every state in the union.

In spite of the multiplication of labor-saving machines and improved methods of industry which cheapen the cost of production, the share of the producers grows ever less, and the price of all the necessities of life steadily increase. The boasted prosperity of this nation is for the owning class alone. To the rest it means only greater hardship and misery. The high cost of living is felt in every home. Millions of wage-workers have seen the purchasing power of their wages decrease until life has become a desperate battle for mere existence.

Multitudes of unemployed walk the streets of our cities or trudge from state to state awaiting the will of the masters to move the wheels of industry.

The farmers in every state are plundered by the increasing prices exacted for tools and machinery, and by extortionate rent, freight rates and storage charges.

Capitalist concentration is mercilessly crushing the class of small business men and driving its members into the ranks of the propertyless wage-workers. The overwhelming majority of the people of America are being forced under a yoke of bondage by this soulless industrial despotism.

It is this capitalist system that is responsible for the increasing burden of armaments, the poverty slums, child labor, most of the insanity, crime and prostitution, and much of the disease that afflicts mankind.

Under this system the working class is exposed to poisonous conditions, to frightful and needless perils in life and limb; is walled around with court decisions, injunctions and unjust laws, and is preyed upon incessantly for the benefit of the controlling oligarchy of wealth. Under it also the children of the working class are doomed to ignorance, drudging toil and darkened lives.

In the face of these evils, so manifest that all thoughtful observers are appalled at them, the legislative representatives of the Republican, Democratic and all reform parties remain the faithful servants of the oppressors. Measures designed to secure to the wage earners of this nation as humane and just treatment as is already enjoyed by the wage earners of all other civilized nations have been smothered in committee without debate, and laws ostensibly designed to bring relief to the farmers and general consumers are juggled and transformed into instruments for the exaction of further tribute.

The growing unrest under oppression has driven these two old parties to the enactment of a variety of legislative measures, none of which has limited in any appreciable degree the power of plutocracy, and some of which have been perverted into means for increasing their power. Anti-trust laws, railroad restrictions and regulations, with the prosecutions, indictments and investigations based upon such legislation, have proved to be utterly futile and ridiculous.

Nor has this plutocracy been seriously restrained or even threatened by any Republican or Democratic executive. It has continued to grow in power and insolence alike under the administrations of Cleveland, McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft.

In addition to this legislative jugglery and this executive connivance, the courts of America have sanctioned and strengthened the hold of this plutocracy as the Dred Scott and other decisions strengthened the slave power before the civil war.

We declare, therefore, that the longer sufferance of these conditions is impossible, and we purpose to end them all. We declare these to be the product of the present system in which industry is carried on for private greed, instead of for the welfare of society. We declare, furthermore, that for these evils there will be and can be no remedy and no substantial relief except thru Socialism, under which industry will be carried on for the common good, and every worker receive the full social value of the wealth he creates.

Society is divided into warring groups and classes, based upon material interests. Fundamental to this struggle is a conflict between the two main classes, one of which, the capitalist class, owns the means of production, and the other, the working class, must use these means of production on the terms dictated by the owners.

The capitalist class, tho' few in number, absolutely controls the government—legislative, executive and judicial. This class owns the machinery of gathering and disseminating news thru its organized press. It subsidizes seats of learning—the schools and colleges—and even religious and moral agencies. It has also the added prestige which established custom gives to any order of society—right or wrong.

The working class, which includes all those who are forced to work for a living, whether by hand or brain, in shop, mine or on the soil, vastly outnumbers the capitalist class. Lacking effective organization and class solidarity, this class is unable to enforce its will. Given such class solidarity and effective organization, the workers will have the power to make all laws and control all industry in their own interest.

All political parties are the expression of economic and class interests. All other parties than the Socialist party represent one or another group of the ruling capitalist class. Their political conflicts reflect merely superficial rivalries between competing capitalist groups. However they issue, these conflicts have no real value to the workers.

Whether the Democrats or Republicans win politically, it is the capitalist class that is victorious economically.

The Socialist party is the political expression of the economic interests of the workers. Its defeats have been their defeats and its victories their victories. It is a party founded on the science and laws of social development. It proposes that, since all social necessities today are socially produced, the means of their production and distribution shall be socially owned and democratically managed.

In the face of the economic and political aggressions of the capitalist class, the only reliance left the workers is that of their economic organizations and their political power. By the intelligent and class-conscious use of these they may resist successfully the capitalist class, breaking the fetters of wage slavery, and fit them selves for the future society, which is to displace the capitalist system. The Socialist party appreciates the full significance of class organization and urges the wage earners, the useful farmers and all other useful workers everywhere to organize for economic and political action, and we pledge ourselves to support the tollers of the fields as well as those in the shops, factories and mines of the nation in their struggle for economic justice.

In the defeat or victory of the working class party in this new struggle for freedom lies the defeat or triumph of the common people of all economic groups, as well as the failure or the triumph of popular government. Thus the Socialist party is the party of the present day revolution, which marks the transition from economic individualism to Socialism, from capitalist oligarchy to industrial democracy.

As measures calculated to strengthen the working class in its fight for the realization of its ultimate aim, the co-operative commonwealth, and to increase its power of resistance against capitalist oppression, we advocate and pledge ourselves and our elected officers to the following program:

1. The collective ownership and democratic management of railroads, wire and wireless telegraphs and telephones, express service, steamboat lines and all other social means of transportation and communication and of all large-scale industries.

2. The immediate acquirement by the municipalities, the states or the federal government of all grain elevators, stock yards, storage warehouses and other distributing agencies, in order to reduce the present extortionate cost of living.

3. The extension of the public domain to include mines, quarries, oil wells, forests and water power.

4. The further conservation and development of natural resources for the use and benefit of the people:

(a) By scientific forestation and timber protection.  
(b) By the reclamation of arid and swamp tracts.  
(c) By the storage of flood waters and the utilization of water power.

(d) By the stoppage of the present extravagant waste of the soil and of the products of mines and oil wells.  
(e) By the development of highway and waterway systems.

5. The collective ownership of land wherever practicable, and in cases where such ownership is impracticable the appropriation by taxation of the annual rental value of all lands held for speculation.

6. The collective ownership and democratic management of the banking and currency system.

7. The immediate government relief of the unemployed by the extension of all useful public works. All persons employed on such works to be engaged directly by the government under a workday of not more than eight hours, and at not less than the prevailing union wages. The government also to establish employment bureaus; to lend money to states and municipalities without interest for the purpose of carrying on public works, and to take such other measures within its power as will lessen the widespread misery of the workers caused by the misrule of the capitalist class.

8. The conservation of human resources, particularly of the lives and well-being of the workers and their families.

9. By shortening the workday in keeping with the increase productivity of machinery.

10. By securing to every worker a rest period of not less than a day and a half in each week.

11. By securing a more effective inspection of workshops, factories and mines.

12. By forbidding the employment of children under 16 years of age.

13. By the co-operative organizations of industries in federal penitentiaries and workshops for the benefit of convicts and their dependents.

14. By forbidding the interstate transportation of the products of child labor, of convict labor or the awarding of contracts to co-operative groups of workers.

15. By abolishing the profit system in government works and substituting either the direct hire of labor or the awarding of contracts to co-operative groups of workers.

16. By establishing minimum wage scale.

17. By abolishing official charity and substituting a non-contributory system of old-age pensions, a general system of insurance by the state of all its members against unemployment, and invalidism and a system of compulsory insurance by employers of their workers, with cost to the latter, against industrial diseases, accidents and death.

**POLITICAL DEMANDS.**  
1. The absolute freedom of press speech and assemblage.

2. The adoption of a graduated income tax, the increase of the rates of the present corporation tax and the extension of inheritance taxes, graduated in proportion to the nearness of kin—the proceeds of these taxes to be employed in the socialization of industry.

3. The abolition of the monopoly ownership of patents and the substitution of collective ownership, with direct reward to inventors by premiums or royalties.

4. Unrestricted and equal suffrage for men and women.

5. The adoption of the initiative, referendum and recall and of proportional representation, nationally as well as locally.

6. The abolition of the senate and veto power of the president.

7. The election of the president and the vice-president by the direct vote of the people.

8. The abolition of the power usurped by the Supreme Court of the United States to pass upon the constitutionality of the legislation enacted by congress.

9. National laws to be repealed only by act of congress or by a referendum vote of the whole people.

10. The abolition of the present restrictions upon the amendment of the constitution, so that that instrument may be made amendable by a majority of the voters in a majority of the states.

11. The granting of the right of suffrage in the District of Columbia, with representation in congress, and a democratic form of municipal government for purely local affairs.

12. The extension of democratic government to all United States territory.

13. The enactment of further measures for general education, and particularly for vocational education in useful pursuits. The bureau of education to be made a department.

14. The enactment of further measures for the conservation of health. The creation of an independent bureau of health with such restrictions as will secure full liberty for all schools of practice.

15. The separation of the present bureau of labor from the department of commerce and labor, and its elevation to the rank of a department.

16. Abolition of the federal district courts and the United States circuit courts of appeals. State courts to have jurisdiction in all cases arising between citizens and foreign corporations. The election of all judges for short terms.

17. The immediate curbing of the power of the courts to issue injunctions.

18. The free administration of justice.

19. The calling of a convention for the revision of the constitution of the United States.

Such measures of relief as we may be able to force from capitalism are but a preparation of the workers to seize the whole powers of government in order that they may thereby lay hold of the whole system of socialized industry and thus come to their rightful inheritance.

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